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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1881.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

THE Prime Minister and the majority of his colleagues in the Cabinet having returned to their country houses for the Christmas Holidays, it is to be hoped no burning political question will crop up to interfere with their enjoyment of the rest of the vacation. We are at present in a state of ignorance, hardly blissful, with regard to the principal Government measures of next Session. We only know that as soon as may be after Parliament meets on Feb. 7, Mr. Gladstone will first of all firmly proceed to persuade the House to so amend its rules and regulations as to enable the Speaker to effectually brush aside Obstruction. After then—what? Well, the holding of the Smithfield Club's Cattle Show this week at the Agricultural Hall, and in the presence of the annual host of farmers in town, suggest that the Land Question is as engrossing and important on this side of St. George's Channel as it is on the other; and that no legislative measure next year would be more generally welcome than a Ministerial Land Bill for England, Scotland, and Wales. The widespread reduction of rents by our foremost land lords in the greater part of the kingdom—notably, the Earl of Dalhousie's surrender for the present juncture of 15 per cent of his rents to his Scottish tenants, to whom this genial member of the Ministry announced the good news at the banquet he right generously gave on Saturday last—may be cited as a pregnant proof of the urgency of the need for land reform. A measure on the lines of the bill foreshadowed by Mr. Howard, M.P., would at once be a blessing to landlords and a boon to their tenant farmers.

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I am glad the chief honours of the Smithfield Club fell this year—not upon one of those huge, unwieldy mountains of flesh that used to find favour in their eyes, but upon a compact little animal of which Scotland may well be proud, and its owner, Sir W. G. Gordon-Cumming, in the bargain. The Cattle Show has brought the usual invasion of country cousins, much to the profit and satisfaction of the theatrical managers. I happened to have a seat at one popular house on Monday night, when several persons in vain sought admission, so overcrowded was the place. Till Christmas there will be little new at the playhouses; but Benedicts will rejoice to learn that "Mother-in-Law" is coming to town.

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The lawyers, ever gluttons at holidays and all the other good things of this world, set us a good example with regard to the Christmas Vacation. This begins for them on Dec. 21, and lasts till Jan. 6.

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"Little Mischief," the Coloured Picture of the *Illustrated London News* Christmas Number, has proved the "hit" I predicted, the public demand for the blue-eyed Drummer Boy that Mr. Alfred Hunt faithfully copied from Sir Joshua Reynolds's painting having been far in excess even of the orders for Messrs. Leighton Brothers' famous "Little Red Riding Hood," one of the earliest of these Christmas Supplements. Only second in popularity to "Little Mischief," I hazard the guess will be the rosy-cheeked little lassie presently to make her début under the title of "My New Bonnet." So naturally is this pretty little one portrayed by Mrs. Seymour Lucas in the original painting, and so real does she look in the coloured copy, that I am confident "My New Bonnet" will become a favourite directly it is seen with the Christmas Triple Number of THE PENNY ILLUSTRATED PAPER, to which some of the cleverest Artists and Authors of the day have contributed.

PHILIP.

THE LEADING PROVINCIAL THEATRES are keeping the game alive—in Liverpool with "The Colonel," "Billee Taylor," and "Proof;" in Manchester with "Carmen," "Lohengrin," and the other operas rendered by the Carl Rosa Company, and with "The Danites" and Mr. E. Compton in comedy; in Edinburgh with Modjeska and Miss Linda Dietz, while Glasgow relies on Mrs. Scott-Siddons; and in Birmingham with the unctuous "Guv'nor" at the Royal, pending Mr. Rosa's return next week, and with the "conquering hero," Mr. Irving, at the P.W.

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News in a Nutshell.

THE QUEEN AND THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

The Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone arrived on Nov. 30 at Windsor, and dined with the Queen; and slept the night at the castle. On Saturday Mr. Gladstone was met at Wolverhampton station on the Great Western Railway, on his way to Hawarden, by a large number of local politicians, and loudly cheered.

Her Majesty the Queen, Princess Beatrice, and Prince Leopold attended Divine service in the private chapel on Sunday morning. The Bishop of Manchester preached the sermon.

The 1st inst. being the birthday of the Princess of Wales, the bells of the West-End churches rang merry peals during the day. Her Royal Highness was born on Dec. 1, 1844. The birthday was kept by the Prince and Princess at Sandringham.

T.R.H. hunted with the West Norfolk Hounds on Saturday. The meet was at Gayton, the seat of the Earl of Romney. Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and the Marquis of Lorne, Governor-General of Canada, arrived at Sandringham on Saturday on a short visit to the Prince and Princess of Wales.

T.R.H. came to town on Monday to visit the Cattle Show. On Tuesday afternoon, the Prince and Princess went "to Bath" in a pleasanter way than usual. T.H.H. left Paddington by special train at three o'clock for Longleat, on a visit to the Earl of Bath. The Earl and Countess Spencer and Lady Lonsdale were among the guests invited to meet the Prince and Princess. Great preparations were made at Warminster for the reception of their Royal Highnesses. The Royal party arrived at 5·45. The Yeomanry acted as an escort and guard of honour. The Prince and Princess were driven direct to Longleat House in the carriage of the Marquis of Bath. A huge bonfire was lighted at night, and a general illumination of the town carried out.

V.C. MEN.

The Queen has conferred the Victoria Cross on the following officers:—

Major Arthur G. Hammond, Bengal Staff Corps, for gallantry in defending the top of a hill with rifle and fixed bayonet against a large number of the enemy, and carrying off wounded Sepoys at Asmai Heights, near Cabul, on Dec. 14, 1879.

Lieutenant W. H. Dick Cuningham, Second Battalion Gordon Highlanders, for gallantry and coolness in holding his position at Shepur Pass on Dec. 13, 1879.

Her Majesty also conferred the Victoria Cross on the Rev. S. W. Adams, Bengal Ecclesiastical Establishment, for gallantry in saving some men of the 9th Lancers at Kille Kazi on Dec. 11, 1879, when Chaplain to the Cabul Field Forces.

THE HEALTH OF THE GERMAN EMPEROR

is restored; and on Sunday he received visitors, with whom he conversed for some time.

PRINCE BISMARCK HAS SUFFERED HIS FIRST DEFEAT

in the new Reichstag. The Budget debate on Dec. 1 centred on the item for the Economic Council, a body which the Chancellor wished to have at his elbow to advise him in the preparation of commercial legislation. In the course of the discussion his Highness spoke twice, but the vote was refused by 169 to 83.

M. GAMBETTA SCORES AGAIN.

The French Chamber of Deputies on Dec. 1 approved the supplementary votes for the Tunisian expedition by 400 to 52. The Extreme Left abstained from voting. The debate, ably started by M. Pelletan, turned mainly on the future policy of the Government, and M. Gambetta explained that that was one neither of annexation nor abandonment. They could not annex Tunis, as it would rouse susceptibilities which it was well to avoid, and to abandon it would be destructive to French prestige. Their position would be strictly protective, and, to avoid having Turkey as a neighbour, they did not mean to go near the frontier of Tripoli.

KING HUMBERT AND THE QUEEN OF ITALY

will, it is understood, pay a visit to the German Emperor early in the spring, the route to be taken being by the new railway running through the St. Gothard Tunnel—which triumph of engineering was amply pictured in *The Boys' Illustrated News* of Nov. 23.

NATAL'S GOVERNOR.

The Government has decided (Mr. Sendall being impossible) to offer the Governorship of Natal to Sir Evelyn Wood, and it is thought probable that under the new conditions General Wood may be induced to accept the appointment.

FATAL ENCOUNTER WITH A SLAVE SHIP.

A telegram was received last Monday at the Admiralty from Zanzibar reporting that on the 3rd inst. Captain Charles I. Brownrigg, of her Majesty's ship London, in a steam-pinnace with ten men, ran alongside a dhow, full of slaves, flying French colours, and after a fierce resistance by the Arab crew, Captain Brownrigg, John G. T. Aers, writer, Richard Henry Monkley, stoker, and Thomas Bishop, ordinary seaman, were killed; one man was severely and two were slightly wounded. The dhow escaped.

THE THEFT OF AN EARL'S BODY.

Detective Superintendent Swanson, of the Metropolitan Police, arrived in Aberdeen on Monday afternoon, and drove to Dun Echt, for the purpose of giving the local police authorities the advantage of his advice.

The news of the outrage on the body of the late Earl of Crawford and Balcarres has created intense excitement in the neighbourhood of the English seat of the family, Haigh Hall, near Wigan.

The police have several clues. Perhaps the most important is the fact that in September three men, whose appearance and manners aroused suspicion, arrived at an hotel in Aberdeen, and remained there for several days. Their movements excited the curiosity of the servants, and the mystery which surrounded them was a theme of conversation. They had with them a bundle, from which a sickly and offensive smell emanated.

THE ECLIPSE OF THE MOON

last Monday evening was observed under favourable circumstances, the sky being almost cloudless during its continuance. As dusk set in the first contact was noticed, and an hour afterwards, a quarter to six, the eclipse was almost total. At six o'clock the shadow of the earth began to pass off.

DISTRESSED IRISH LADIES.

The *Freeman's Journal* of Dublin heartily wishes God speed to Mr. Alderman Ellis's fund for distressed ladies in Ireland. But with regard to the proposal to start a fund on behalf of the Irish Property Defence Association, it can conceive nothing more likely to exasperate the Irish tenantry; and protests against the Lord Mayor of London gratuitously adding fuel to the flames.

THE CHICAGO IRISH CONVENTION,

which closed on Saturday, received subscriptions and pledges amounting to 27,410 dols. towards the 250,000 dols. fund which it was proposed to raise for the Irish Land League by Feb. 1.

THE EARL OF DALHOUSIE

entertained the whole of his tenantry, numbering between 200 and 300, at a banquet in the New Public-hall, Arbroath, last Saturday. The noble Lord, who presided, intimated that, in view of the depression existing in agriculture, he had decided to grant a reduction of 15 per cent. in rents on the crops of 1881, 1882, and 1883, pending a re-valuation of the farms on his estate.

THE PROGRAMME OF THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE

was brought before a meeting of Cheshire farmers at Chester on Saturday by Mr. Barclay, M.P., and Mr. G. W. Latham. The former gentleman claimed that the Land Bill which the Alliance had prepared was effective and simple, and would give justice to the landlord and security to the tenant, and interfere as little as possible with existing interests and the existing system of land tenure; and the meeting passed a resolution approving of the principles of this bill.

AN EXTENSIVE LANDSLIP

has taken place on the Melton Mowbray and Grantham and Nottingham branch of the Great Northern Railway. Many thousands of tons of earth slipped down and fell upon the line, entirely blocking the traffic. Passengers, however, are carried up to the point of obstruction on either side, and have to walk the intervening distance.

AN IRISH PRIEST AND THE CHILDREN'S LAND LEAGUE.

Writing to a Dublin newspaper, the Rev. Canon Dennehy, a Roman Catholic priest, says:—"Kindly allow me to supplement some remarks which appeared in your journal on a scene which took place in Kanturk Catholic Church on last Sunday. I thought it my duty to object to the introduction of the Children's Land League to this parish. I had in my possession at the time I spoke the subjoined alphabet, which I had reason to know was put into the hands of the enrolled:—

A is the army that covers the ground,
B is the buckshot we're getting all round,
C is the crowbar of cruellest fame,
D is our Davitt, a right glorious name;
E is the English who've robbed us of bread,
F is the famine that they've left us instead;
G is for Gladstone, whose life is a lie;
H is the harvest we'll hold or we'll die;
I is the Inspector, who when drunk is bold,
J is the jarvey, who'll not drive him for gold;
K is Kilmainham, where our true men abide;
L is the Land League, our hope and our pride;
M is the magistrate, who makes black of white;
N is no rent, which will make our wrongs right;
O is old Ireland that yet shall be freed;
P is the peelers, who've sold her for greed;
Q is the Queen, whose use is not known;
R is the rifles, who keep up her throne;
S is the Sheriff, with woe in his train;
T is the toil that others may gain;
U is the Union that works bitter harm;
V is the villain that grabs up a farm;
W is the warrant for death or for chains,
X is the *Express*, all loss and no brains;
Y is "Young Ireland," spreading the light;
Z is the zeal that will win the great fight.

"I ask, as a pastor of souls, could I consider myself justified before God in allowing the little ones of this parish to be instructed in the words of this doggerel, and their young minds imbued with its sentiments? All the restraining institutions of the civil society in which we live are here set at naught, mocked, ridiculed, and calumniated. From the Sovereign to the humblest executive officer of the country, down through the Legislature, the magistracy, and the police, charges of contempt and insult are rung with no uncertain chime. An anonymous scribbler here has told me that I am a 'West Briton' for giving utterance to such sentiments as these. I think he is a true Irishman in the present crisis who sifts some of the programmes that are before the country and separates the chaff from the wheat. I write with perhaps too much warmth. But I have been grossly outraged by seeing twenty or thirty of my parishioners leave the house of God while I was giving my instruction on the objection I entertained to the Children's Land League—first, because its text-book taught civil insubordination; and, secondly, moral dishonesty."

Chit-Chat.

Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg arrived last Monday evening at Windsor Castle on a visit to her Majesty.

The Lord President of the Council and Countess Spencer came to town on Monday from Althorp Hall, and left on Tuesday for Longleat, to join the company invited to meet the Prince and Princess of Wales on their visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Bath.

Mr. Bright arrived at Llandudno on Monday week. Thursday was observed as a general holiday in the town.

Colonel Richard Stanley, forty-six, committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver last Friday week at the Castle Hotel, Windsor. The deceased had been an officer in the Army, and had distinguished himself in the Crimean War.

Rear-Admiral Sir F. W. Sullivan, K.C.B., has been appointed to the command of the Detached Squadron, vice Vice-Admiral the Earl of Clanwilliam, C.B.

Post-Office Orphan Home.—The annual concert in aid of the funds of this institution, which numbers among its patrons the Duke of Teck and the Postmaster-General, will be held on Saturday evening, Dec. 17, at St. James's Hall. Among those who have promised to appear on the occasion are Madame Rose Hersee, Sir Julius Benedict, and Mr. George Grossmith.

Homes for Working Girls in London.—Mr. James Spicer, J.P., has generously placed the sum of £500 at the disposal of the committee of the Homes for Working Girls in London, to assist them to open Woodford House, 28, Duncan-terrace, Islington, as their fifth home.

The Right Hon. Sir Robert Joseph Phillimore, D.C.L., Judge of the Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice, upon whom a baronetcy has just been conferred, is the third son of the late Mr. Joseph Phillimore, D.C.L., of Shiplake House, Oxon., some time Professor of Civil Law and Chancellor of the diocese of Oxford, and many years M.P. for St. Mawes and for Yarmouth.

The Right Hon. Edward Sullivan, Master of the Rolls in Ireland, upon whom a similar honour has also been conferred, is the eldest son of Mr. Edward Sullivan, of Raghan-road, Dublin, formerly of Mallow, county of Cork, and was born in 1822.

The Empress of Germany returned to Berlin on Friday week, after an absence of some months' duration, during which her Majesty has been seriously ill, and has undergone so much suffering that her life has been despaired of.

The Empress Eugenie was slightly better last Monday night.

A Colony of 150 Italians, in and around Nashville, Tenn., have 1500 acres of land devoted to grape raising, which has proved very successful.

Sale of the Sunderland Library.—This sale has attracted great attention at Messrs. Puttick and Simpson's rooms at Leicester-square. Mr. Quaritch was in his element. One quotation will show what prices were fetched:—Augustinus Aliud, exemplar, old crimson morocco, gilt, sm. fol., venet nic Jenson, 1475, painted on vellum, excessively rare, and a beautiful copy. The first page is elaborately painted, representing jewels in elegant ornamental settings, and containing four miniatures—(1) Angels at the gate of Paradise; (2) A hart wounded by two cupids; (3) Two harts at rest in a green meadow; (4) Saint Augustin in his study, with the golden gates of Paradise in the distance. This wonderful old book fetched the astounding price of £1000. The competition rested between Messrs. Ellis, Techener, and Quaritch, the latter being the purchaser at the price named.

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Our Illustrations.

THE EMPRESS EUGENIE.

We regret to hear that the Empress Eugénie received a severe shock to the system through falling down stairs at her residence, Prince's-gate, Hyde Park, on Thursday week. She was confined to her room, but the doctor attending her reported on Sunday that she was a little better. The Queen inquired daily as to her health, and further evinced her sympathy for the illustrious exile.

Extensive alterations and additions are being carried out at the mansion which the Empress has purchased at Farnborough, Hants. This property, which the Empress acquired from the family of the late well-known publisher, Mr. Longman, and which she intends to make her permanent residence as soon as the necessary alterations are completed, is situated about three and a half miles from Aldershott, and within an easy distance of Farnborough station. We print a view of the exterior of this charming country seat. Some idea of the magnitude of the work in progress, and style of the mansion, may be gleaned when we state that £100,000 is quoted as the least possible cost up to the time of taking possession, and it is possible other additions may be required. A proposition was submitted a few days back on behalf of the Empress at the local vestry meeting affecting an ancient right of way across one portion of the estate. An old highway penetrates the ground acquired by the Empress, and she was desirous of making this private, and substituting for it a new road, wider, and more convenient for the inhabitants, and under the control of the vestry, and the vestry have agreed to the proposal.

The Empress has assumed the title of "Countess de Perrefonds, relict of his late Majesty, Napoleon

THE EMPRESS EUGENIE'S NEW COUNTRY SEAT, FARNBOROUGH HOUSE

III.;" and she maintains her intention of having a magnificent mausoleum erected on the Farnborough estate, in which to deposit the remains of her late husband and son, now lying in St. Mary's Chapel, Chiselhurst.

DESECRATION OF THE EARL OF CRAWFORD'S TOMB.

The deepest horror and indignation have been created in Aberdeenshire by the fact that one of the most revolting acts of desecration has been committed at Dunecht House, the residence of the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, in the parish of Skene. The mausoleum in connection with the private chapel attached to the residence of Lord Balcarres has been broken into, and the body of the late Earl removed in the most ruthless manner. The audacity with which the work has been carried out is remarkable, and no such wanton act has ever been committed in this country at least since the body-snatching days of a former time. Indeed, the only event of a similarly daring and successful character that comes to mind is the violation of the tomb of Mr. Stewart, the American millionaire, and there is very little doubt that the purpose for which the work was performed was the same in both cases—namely, to secure a handsome sum as a ransom for the body.

The nobleman upon whose remains this outrage has been carried out was one of the most wealthy, scholarly, and popular peers of his day. He was the

24TH EARL OF CRAWFORD

and ninth Earl of Balcarres, the title being one of the oldest in the kingdom. He was born in 1812, and educated at Eton and at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated M.A. in 1833. His name was familiar to every scholar through such works as the "Lives of the Lindsays," "Progression by Antagomen," and other genealogical, antiquarian, and historical works. He succeeded to the earldom in 1869, and devoted much of his time and money to astronomical research. At his own expense he equipped an expedition which proceeded to the Mauritius to take observations of the transit of Venus in December, 1874. In the winter of 1879 his health began to give way, and he took a voyage up the Nile, afterwards proceeding to Florence. Here his condition underwent no improvement, and he died on Dec. 13 last year. His remains were conveyed to England, arriving in London on Dec. 23, and thence they were removed on the 29th to Dunecht, where they were interred in the new family

mausoleum that had been prepared in consequence of the tomb at Haigh Hall, Lancashire, being closed. The body, which was embalmed by an Italian skilled in the art before it left Florence, was inclosed in three coffins: the inner case was of wood, inclosed in a leaden shell, and the other was of polished oak, elaborately carved and mounted with chased silver.

DUNECHT HOUSE,

one of the most princely mansions in Aberdeenshire, is picturesquely situated in a romantic spot. The building has within the past ten years undergone complete restoration, and only a very small portion of the old residence remains. Attached to the mansion is a private chapel of the most chaste design, which is fitted up without regard to expense, and the beauties of which have attracted the attention of many tourists who have come to see the splendid observatory erected in an adjoining park by the present Earl during the lifetime of his father. In connection with the chapel to which we have referred there is a mortuary chapel fitted up in white marble, and underneath this is the mausoleum which has been so ruthlessly desecrated.

THE EARL OF CRAWFORD'S LONG FUNERAL JOURNEY.

A singular train of untoward circumstances attended the removal of the remains of the late Earl from Florence to Dunecht. The body was placed (as already stated) within three coffins, the inner one being of soft Italian wood, the middle one of lead, and the outer one of oak. In her solicitude for the safe conveyance of the remains of her husband the Dowager Countess gave instructions that a casket of walnut should be made, within which the three coffins were deposited. The top of this casket was a cross carved in high relief.

The conveyance of the remains across the Alps was a work of very great difficulty; but, under the care of the confidential servant of the deceased, they reached France in safety. A small steamer was chartered to convey the body to London, and she encountered such a violent gale in crossing the Channel that the coffin had to be lashed on deck.

The removal to Aberdeen was safely effected; but here another difficulty presented itself. No hearse large enough to receive the outer coffin could be procured, and the outer shell had to be removed. It was, however, deposited afterwards in the crypt alongside the three coffins in which the remains were encased. On the day that the body was removed from Aberdeen to Dunecht one of the most violent snowstorms ever experienced in Scotland broke out, and to such a depth did the snow accumulate that on the return journey the hearse was snowed up by the wayside, and remained for several days embedded in the snow before it could be removed to Aberdeen, and the men who accompanied it suffered great hardships before they could find their way back to the city. All these incidents are now discussed in connection with the occurrence which has startled the community.

THE ANONYMOUS LETTER.

It is confirmed that in the month of September an anonymous letter was received stating explicitly that the tomb at Dunecht had been rifled. This letter is now in the hands of the police, who refuse to divulge its contents, but declare that it is a very extraordinary and most suggestive document. The envelope bears the Aberdeen post-mark, but it may have been posted in any of the rural districts.

HOW THE ACT OF SACRILEGE WAS ACCOMPLISHED.

On the night of Wednesday week, Nov. 30, as late as eleven o'clock, a workman at the Observatory, named Kirkwood, passed the entrance to the vault, and at that time he saw nothing unusual, and he believed that if the slab had been disturbed at that time he would have noticed it. At eight o'clock the next morning, a labourer named William Hadden passed, and found that about twelve feet of the iron railing had been removed to one side. The first slab was standing on its side, leaving the first three steps of the stairs exposed. On the walk near by lay one of the tools, which the workmen employed there subsequently identified as their property. These tools had been left in a wooden shed on the previous night. The tools consisted of a pick, two shovels, and three crowbars, and it was evident that they had all been used by the robbers.

The three officials who were the foremost to enter the crypt at first maintained the strictest secrecy as to the state in which they found it; but since the arrival of the Earl of Balcarres the place has been visited by several persons, who were accompanied by his Lordship, and particulars have transpired not only as to the condition in which they found the place, but as to the manner in which the removal of the remains had been effected. The three coffins lay with one end—the top—resting on the floor of the vault. The robbers had evidently been unable to lift them entirely out of the recess, but they had moved them forward, and had allowed the coffin to drop violently on to its end. This is rendered more likely from the fact that at one of the lower corners of the outer case there is a dent which could not have been caused in any other way. Having got the coffins clear of the recess, the robbers had unscrewed the lid of the upper coffin, which was fastened by nut-headed screws, and placed it against the wall. They then, with some sharp and powerful instrument, cut the top of the leaden shell completely out, and it was an easy task to remove the lid of the under coffin, which was of soft Italian wood. This done, the body was exposed; and one of the parties who saw it states that the impression caused by the head and one of the shoulders of the deceased upon the chemically prepared sawdust in which the body was enveloped was distinctly visible. The robbers did no violence to the coffins more than was necessary to remove the body, and that they were adepts at the sacrilegious work was evident to the present Earl, who, when he visited the sepulchre for the first time after his return to Dunecht, remarked that those who had performed the ghastly task were evidently too clever to render themselves liable to detection. After his Lordship had visited the crypt he consulted with the authorities on the spot, including the Procurator-Fiscal and the chief constable of the county, and arranged with them for the organisation of search parties.

Strangely enough, the silver mountings of the coffin were untouched, which circumstance led to the belief that the main object the robbers had in view was the ransom which they hoped to obtain for the body.

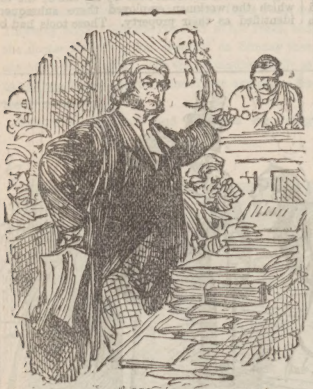
A theory has been started and receives credence in some quarters that the body never came to this country, but was stolen at Florence by some one anxious to solve some of the mysteries connected with the ancient art of embalming. This idea, however, is ridiculed by the friends and servants of the family. The body was placed in the coffin in the presence of reliable witnesses, and the party who sealed them signed a document testifying to the fact that the coffins contained the remains of the late Earl of Crawford and Balcarres.

The police, in their investigations into the mysterious affair, discovered and preserved the footprints of three different men amongst the shrubbery, lawn,

REHEARSING THE PANTOMIME.—[See "The Playgoer."]

and walks near the entrance to the crypt. A labourer was on Saturday arrested on suspicion of having been concerned in the desecration of the late Lord Crawford's tomb at Dunecht. His boots were said to correspond with the footprints found near the mausoleum, but he has not been detained in custody.

Law and Crime.



THE JEWEL ROBBERS' HARVEST.

"CONVEYANCE" OF LADY TREVOR'S JEWELLERY.

We learn from Oswestry that one of the most daring and successful burglaries ever committed took place last Sunday at Brynkinalt, the seat of Lord Hill Trevor. The mansion of Brynkinalt is situated close to Chirk, North Wales, on the Great Western Railway, and is one of the oldest and finest residences in North Wales. On Sunday morning Lord and Lady Hill Trevor went to the neighbouring parish church as usual, and at about twelve o'clock the housemaid went up to Lady Trevor's room, and found it locked, the key being inside. She thought her Ladyship had returned from church, but immediately acquainted the groom of the bedchamber and others, on her finding that her Ladyship had not returned. W. Fowler, the butler, and others then went up and forced the door, finding to their dismay that her Ladyships private drawer had been forced open, and her jewel-casket with its contents had disappeared. Among a number of jewels stolen were a magnificent and costly diamond necklet, diamond pendant with pearl in centre, diamond cross, two diamond sprays, diamond hair-pin, a large number of diamond, ruby, pearl, onyx, and other rings, bracelets, and a beautiful heirloom watch. Also from another small case had been taken a large amethyst necklet, with bracelet and earrings to match. The whole of the property taken—the above not being a quarter of the total quantity—is estimated at the value of £80,000. Lord Trevor's case was also forced open, and an article of jewellery taken out. The thieves made their escape by means of a rope hanging from the front window in the room, and appear to have got clean away.

The servants in the house were each in turn subjected to a close examination, and a search was made in the butler's room, and the result was that the police deemed it necessary to take into custody on suspicion Arthur Head (the valet) and the upper housemaid, Amelia Gardiner, who were conveyed to Wrexham. Finding the magistrates there had no jurisdiction, the suspects were removed to Llangollen lock-up.

AN IRISH PROCESS-SERVER'S FATE.

The effects of the insidious teaching of craven sedition-mongers on some violent Irish papers are weekly shown in—Murder, Arson, and Deeds of Violence. We regret to have to report that a desperate murder has been committed in Queen's County. On Saturday last, a young man named William Rogers, a solicitor's clerk, left Dublin for the purpose of serving three writs on the property of a man named Whitty, near Rathdowney. On arriving at Rathdowney he was asked whether he would require police protection, but he said he would prefer going alone, as he could do the business more quietly. In the evening, a farmer called at the police barracks to state that a man was lying in a pool of blood up in a boreen. The police proceeded to the place and found Rogers, who had only one arm; his skull was smashed into fragments, and he had been dead some time. He had evidently served two of the writs, as the originals, without the copies, were found in his possession. Some arrests have been made.

Intelligence was on Monday received at Parsonstown of a shocking murder near Shannon Bridge, the victim being a farmer named Milligan, a tenant on the estate of Mr. Potts, on whose property at Cloghan extensive evictions took place last week. Despite the fact that no rent is forthcoming in the district, Milligan paid. He was in Athlone on Saturday attending the market, and on leaving before dusk appears to have been followed to a lonely spot three miles from home, and brutally murdered.

IRISH BRIGANDS.

A few nights ago a body of five men with blackened faces visited the residence of Mr. Ferguson, county court judge of Cork, at Newcastle West. The men were armed. They searched the house for a caretaker named Morgan, who had been left in charge, but who happened to be out that evening. They compelled two female servants and two boys, the only inmates in the house, to go on their knees and swear they would never do a day's work for Mr. Ferguson. They shot a dog in the kitchen, fired several shots, and smashed all the windows, and finally compelled the female servants to leave the house for the night. We wonder these repeated acts of ruffianism on unoffending women and on dumb animals do not exasperate sensible Irishmen, and incite them to form a body of volunteer special constables to arrest the black-hearted villains who are thus bringing disgrace on Ireland.

A WIMBLEDON MYSTERY.

Mr. Percy Malcolm John, nineteen years of age, a student at Blenheim House School, Wimbledon, died on Saturday night, after a visit from his brother-in-law, Mr. G. F. Lambson, a surgeon in practice at Bournemouth.

MR. BRADLAUGH'S SUCCESS.

The other morning we saw Mr. Bradlaugh, M.P., broadly smiling in a hansom. He was elated with cause. In the Queen's Bench on Saturday the arguments in the case of Clarke v. Bradlaugh were resumed before Mr. Justice Denman and Mr. Justice Hawkins. It came before the Court in the form of a rule nisi for a new trial, the question being whether a specified division in the House of Commons had taken place before the issue of the writ in the action. The Judges held that sufficient ground had been established for granting a new trial, and the rule was accordingly made absolute.

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may also be tried over again, the Judges on appeal having granted a rule nisi in favour of Mr. Sampson to this extent: that his counsel could at the fresh hearing have the power of examining Mr. Clement Scott more minutely, and likewise Mr. Edward Ledger, the proprietor of the *Era*.

THE ST. PANCRAS TRAGEDY.

At the Clerkenwell Police Court on Saturday Richard Hammett, of Lancing-street, St. Pancras, was charged with having murdered his two children, Arthur and Albert, by stabbing them in the neck on Sept. 13. The prisoner, who had been in hospital since that date, was remanded upon the evidence of his son, who testified that the crime was committed during the temporary absence of his mother from the house.

A ROTHERHITHE ROW.

Edward Day, second mate of the ship Suppicich, lying in Commercial Dock, Rotherhithe, was last Saturday charged on remand at the Thames Police Court with maliciously shooting Timothy Shea, a lodger, at a public-house in St. George's-in-the-East. The prosecutor, who had sufficiently recovered from his wounds to be enabled to leave the hospital, now gave evidence, and the prisoner, who expressed his regret at what had occurred, was committed for trial.

A HOXTON HORROR.

Arthur Wilson very nearly succeeded in hanging himself from the railings of St. John's Church, Hoxton, the other morning. He had fastened a piece of webbing to the top of the railings, tied it round his neck, and then threw himself off. Some people passing went to his assistance, but before he could be cut down Wilson was black in the face, and quite insensible. He gave no explanation of his conduct, and was remanded for a week.

PLUCKY STRUGGLE WITH BURGLARS.

Early last Monday morning the residences of Mr. R. Lee Bevan, of Brixworth, and of the Hon. and Rev. G. Howard-Vyse, of Boughton, both magistrates for the county, and who live at villages a few miles from Northampton, were burglariously entered. At the first-mentioned place the thief was disturbed, and decamped without any spoil, but at the house of Mr. Vyse he succeeded in carrying off about £60 in gold and notes, besides some plate. About a quarter to five o'clock the same morning Police-Constable Chapman, of the county constabulary, was on his beat at a place called Boughton Turn, when he noticed a man coming towards him along the highway in the direction of Northampton. The man jumped over a hedge into a field adjoining the road, and, the constable's suspicions being aroused, he followed him. Brought to bay, the man presented a revolver at Chapman, saying that if he followed further he would shoot him.

Chapman raised his staff to strike him, and the man fired, and the bullet passed through the constable's overcoat, just grazing the shoulder. He at once closed with his assailant, and a desperate struggle ensued. Two more shots were fired, and one bullet passed clean through Chapman's shako, from front to back, within less than an inch of his skull. Dazzled and confused with the flash and smoke in his face the constable, after a brief but plucky resistance, rolled over, and his antagonist, pointing his revolver within a few inches of his face, threatened to blow his brains out if he stirred. Chapman, having lost his staff in the struggle, had no means of coping successfully with his opponent, who, rising, at once made off.

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MURDER.

The prisoner Herbert Snell, who is now lying in the county jail at Nottingham, committed to take his trial on the charge of having murdered his master, Mr. George Hardy, a farmer, at Wheatley, near Retford, has made a disclosure in which he implicates a young man resident at North Wheatley as an accomplice in the crime.

The Irishman.

"HOME RULE."

THE old cry of "Home Rule," which during the recent agitation was left to slumber, is again beginning to peep forth, and it may be very safely predicted that "Home Rule" will be the war cry of the immediate future. The policy of Home Rule was held in abeyance while the agitation for immediate and urgently required remedial legislative measures was being carried on and pushed to a successful issue in the passing of the Land Bill. And now that the pressing wants of the country are somewhat satisfied and the perils of a periodical famine averted, the solid and sound policy of Home Government, which recommends itself to many of the most moderate politicians, will assume a leading position on all Irish political platforms till, like every measure we agitate for, it is at long last conceded. [The sooner Irish Counties—and English and Scotch Counties too, for the matter of that—secure local self-government, the better for the United Kingdom!—ED. P.I.P.]

MR. HERBERT GLADSTONE.

A large posse of both military and police accompanied the Sub-Sheriff of the county of Cork to farms on the Castletown-Bere district for the purpose of evicting some tenants. Mr. Herbert Gladstone was present, and remained at the scene of the evictions during the day. Mr. Gladstone, jun., spent some portion of last week in Bantry, and stayed at the principal hotel there for a night or two before it became known. On Saturday evening he journeyed, unprotected, to Cork, and thence per mail-train to Dublin. I am sure he will go back to England with a very altered impression of the Irish people. He strolled about the Bantry district, and on Saturday waited for the train on the Bantry Railway platform; and thought might be said, in a hostile country he was neither insulted nor annoyed in any way. This speaks well for the people.

THE LAND LEAGUERS.

Mr. J. B. Killen, B.L., was arrested under the Coercion Act last week and confined in Dundalk jail. Mr. Boyton, Land League organiser for Kildare, was released from Kilmainham, through ill-health, the same day. Mr. Boyton was the second "suspect" arrested after the passing of the Coercion Act, and his long confinement must have told terribly on his constitution, as he was driven by his friends direct from the prison to the Mater Misericordiæ Hospital. Mr. John Dillon, M.P., has also been seriously ill since the "suspects" elected to go on prison fare. The medical officer of the prison has to be called to attend him, so alarming became his position.

LORD MAYOR OF DUBLIN ELECT.

Mr. Chas. Dawson, M.P., a strong advocate of Home Rule, was last week elected Lord Mayor of Dublin for the ensuing year; and Mr. Alexander Mangan, a pauspect at present in Dundalk Jail, was unanimously chosen Mayor of Drogheda.

LADIES FIRED AT.

Mrs. Bentley, a magistrate's wife, and her two daughters were fired at on Tuesday week while driving to their residence, near Broadford, in the county of Clare. The ladies were not hurt, but the coachman had a very narrow escape, one of the bullets whizzing close to his head. The only reason that can be assigned for this dastardly outrage is that Mr. Bentley, as Poor Law Guardian of the Limerick Union, some time ago opposed a motion censuring the Government for imprisoning the Land Leaguers.

BRUTAL MURDER.

An Attorney's Clerk who was serving writs last Saturday near Rathdowney, Queen's County, was found dead in the evening on the road. The body was shockingly mutilated, and the face so completely and savagely battered as not to be recognisable. If the perpetrators of this brutal murder are made amenable—as it is to be hoped they will—certainly hanging is a punishment far too merciful for such savage cruelty. JUSTIN.

[If every Irishman spoke out as manfully on this point as our "Irishman" does, surely we should hear no more of these terrible agrarian crimes!—ED. P.I.P.]

Chat of the Gossips.

["WHAT THE *World* SAYS."]

THE old Saxon word "Leat," signifying a water-course or flume conducting water to a mill-wheel or reservoir, was undoubtedly the origin of the name of the splendid estate visited this week by the Prince of Wales, and known far and wide as one of the finest specimens in existence of the old type of English manorial country residence.

The Duke of Marlborough, the sale of whose valuable and really priceless library is making such a stir in the bibliological world, has at this moment more than 5000 acres of land thrown on his hands.

In Lincolnshire, many of Mr. Chaplin's and other gentlemen's farmers have been allowed to remain on to cultivate the land without paying rent at all.

Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar allowed the regimental bands at Portsmouth to play, on Sunday evenings, sacred music on Southsea Pier. Now his Serene Highness, as well as the naval Commander-in-Chief, has given his patronage to Sunday evening concerts at the southern port, to be held in a circus during the winter months.

By the promotion of Colonel Reginald Gipps, C.B., to the rank of Major-General, Colonel George Moncrieff succeeds to the command of the Scots Guards, and Colonel Fitzroy Coldstream Guards, to that of the two battalions of Guards now stationed in Dublin.

The Duke of Rutland has been forbidden by his medical advisers ever to mount a horse again. His Grace will, however, keep up his celebrated pack and his large stud of hunters as usual. The Belvoir Hounds will be hunted by his brother, Lord John Manners, and other members of the family during the present season.

The Pullman Car trial-trip to Brighton was an unqualified success. The carriages are handsome without, and beautifully appointed within; and M. Philippart's system of electric lighting seems to solve the vexed question as to how our railway carriages can be illuminated. It was bright enough to read the smallest print of an ordinary newspaper, and without a flicker.

The Falstaff Club, where the structural alterations and improvements have been on a far larger scale than was originally intended, will be open for members on Feb. 1 next.

If Mr. Parnell should still be taking his ease in Kilmainham when Parliament meets, the nominal leadership of the Parnellite party will fall to the lot of Mr. Justin McCarthy, who will be assisted by Mr. T. P. O'Connor as chief lieutenant. Both leader and assistant will thus be journalists.

For Scotland, the unusually large number of seventy horsemen took part the other day in the Eglinton Hunt, at the Dean, Kilmarnock. A fox was raised behind Rowallan Castle, and a fine run was obtained. The Duke of Portland, who is staying with Mr. Oswald of Auchincruive, was present.

Fred Archer, whose approaching marriage to the eldest daughter of Mr. John Dawson of Newmarket, I announced some time back, has already received several handsome wedding presents, including one of Peters's two hundred guinea broughams. Apropos of wedding presents, Mr. H. Hungerford gave Fred Webb carte blanche to furnish his drawing-room at that gentleman's cost on the occasion of his recent marriage.

Old habitués of Croydon Racecourse were at the recent meeting struck by the altered and improved appearance of the place. This was due to the good effects of the Metropolitan Racecourse Licensing Bill; for it may be taken as certain that, had the executive not been afraid of losing their license, they would have made no attempt to purge their Augean stable. Credit must be given them, however, that, when they moved on the path of improvement, they did so with energy. As a consequence not a list was to be seen, in a place so greatly affected by the list-keeping fraternity; and, if the effectual steps here taken be followed up, as they assuredly must be upon other racecourses, we may hope for the Turf being purged, to a great extent, of the scum of the course, which is now, and for some time has been, such a curse to it.

Few of the many thousand visitors to the Canterbury, who nightly applaud the refined dancing and surprising *tours de force* of Mdlle. Adelina Rossi, are probably aware that the young Italian danseuse miraculously escaped falling a victim when the Nice Opera-house was burnt to the ground last spring.

It was doubted whether the English public would take a very lively interest in the Wagner performances to come off in May next. Now I hear that the series to be led in Drury Lane by Hans Richter has already been subscribed for by the trade and the public by more than four thousand pounds. It remains to be seen what the personal superintendence of R. Wagner will do for Her Majesty's Theatre.

Mrs. Langtry will play Miss Hardcastle in Goldsmith's comedy "She Stoops to Conquer," at a morning performance at the Haymarket Theatre on Thursday, the 15th instant. Other characters will be sustained by Mr. Farren, Mr. Lionel Brough, and Mr. Kyrle Bellew. The proceeds will, on this occasion, be devoted to a charity; but it is understood that, henceforward, Mrs. Langtry will adopt the stage as a professional career.

To those who care for a good dance I can recommend the series of Private Subscription Balls which are to be given at the Kensington Townhall for the benefit of the Golden square Throat Hospital. The band of the Coldstream Guards will play, and the floor of the ball-room is one of the best in London. The dances are to be "small and early," the number of guests being strictly limited. Tickets can be obtained only from the Lady Patronesses; and Mr. de Courtenay Welch, of 57, Cambridge-street, Hyde Park, the Honorary Secretary of the Ladies' Committee, will give any further information. The first ball takes place next Monday, and the remainder of the series on Jan. 9, Jan. 23, and Feb. 6.

St. Andrew's Day drew an untold quantity of people to the Albert Hall and to St. James's Hall. In the Albert Hall the valuable assistance of Madame Nilsson and Mr. Maas, assisted by many other great names; the pipers, invaluable for the occasion; and a big choir filled the enormous space to the roof. That Madame Nilsson was encored in her Scotch songs, in the "Miserere" with Mr. Maas, and in her new song, "Lost," was the natural consequence of the fascination which, in a concert, so celebrated a name, aided by indisputable talent, is sure to produce.

A Double number of the *World* will be published on Friday, Dec. 16, in a coloured wrapper, containing, besides the ordinary articles, acrostic, "What the World says," poems, &c.; a story called "Arthur Gilmore's Oath," by Julian Hawthorne; a story called "At the Café Chantant," by Mrs. Forrester, author of "Tales of the Period," &c.; a double-page engraving, "Round the Camp Fire," illustrating a story by Edmund Yates, called "Society Among the Savages," showing how the leaders of London were captured by the Indians; and twenty-four portraits of well-known characters, with parodies of their speeches and writings.

THE MARQUIS OF LORNE AND EMIGRATION TO CANADA.—The tour recently made by the Governor-General of Canada, the Marquis of Lorne, through Manitoba and the North-West Territories was most opportune. Not only was it undertaken at a time when agricultural distress in the United Kingdom was compelling many to look out for other homes, but the country that has been traversed has been the subject of much misrepresentation, and it was really desirable that some reliable information should be obtained about it. We notice the advertisement of the Canadian Government in another column offering free grants of land and other advantages to those who are thinking of emigrating. Such persons would certainly be repaid by a perusal of the trustworthy pamphlets therein referred to.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES went to the Haymarket Theatre on Monday night to see Mrs. Bancroft in her "Lesson."

THE MOORE AND BURGESS MINSTRELS did so well with "Da-de-dum," that Mr. Wallis Mackay is to produce a Pictorial Novelty for them at Christmas.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN GLASGOW.—On Saturday morning last the weaving and spinning mills of Messrs. Black and Wingate, of Sandyford-street, Kelvinhaugh-street, and East Vale-place, Glasgow, were burnt to the ground. Eleven hundred hands have, we regret to hear, been thrown out of work. The damage is estimated at £50,000.

MELDRUM OF THE SEASON.—"Rector," writing from Bridgnorth, states that on Dec. 1 he gathered in his garden roses (Duke of Edinburgh), mignonette, stocks, wallflowers, Christmas roses, chrysanthemums, primroses, forget-me-nots, violets, pansies, marigolds, and scarlet geraniums, all growing in the open air. During last week he also gathered sweet white violets, buttercups, campions, and the flower and ripe fruit of the wild strawberry in the hedgerows.

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268, REGENT-CIRCUS, W.;
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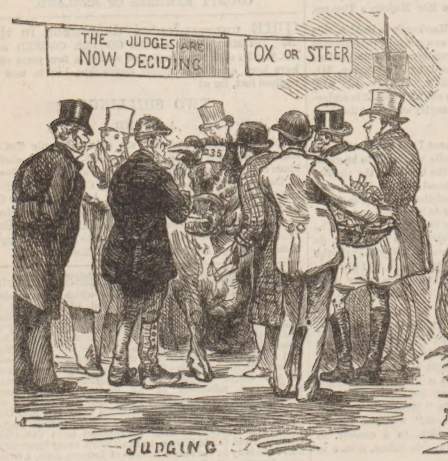
CHARACTER SKETCHES AT THE SMITHFIELD CLUB CATTLE SHOW.



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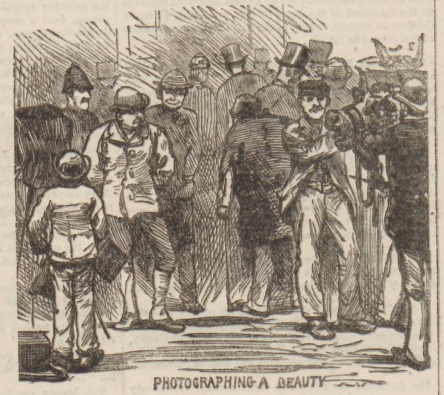

PHOTOGRAPHING A BEAUTY

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

THE SCOTS' YEAR AT THE CATTLE SHOW.

THE EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION

of fat stock, and the nineteenth held in the Islington Hall under the munificent prize attractions of the Smithfield Club, has been in all respects fully equal to the best of former achievements, and in some departments an advance upon the attainments of any previous year. So far as the magnitude of the display is concerned, this refers more to the sheep and pigs than to the classes of cattle, the latter numbering 238 entries, an increase over last year, but about the same as in 1879; the sheep, however, number 180 pens, as compared with 138 last year and 150 in 1879; and there are eighty-five pens of pigs against sixty-two last year and fifty in 1879.

This will be known as "The Scots" year; an unexampled event having occurred in both the £50 cups for the best ox or steer and best cow or heifer going to a polled Scot steer and

A POLLED SCOT HEIFER,

the latter winning also the 100-guinea Champion Plate as best beast in the hall, besides the first prize in her class and the Club's Gold Medal to her breeder. Not that it is without precedent for both the great honours of the show to be carried off by one breed, for the shorthorns have accomplished the feat several times; and in the year 1870 a Devon steer and Devon heifer gained the two cups. But

THE CATTLE SHOW CHAMPION VIEWED BY THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

this is the first time that the Scots have been so successful. It is also the second time that a Scotch beast has been placed as champion. The special distinction of the present event has still to be mentioned; and that is that both animals, the two best in the hall, belong to the same exhibitor, and

SIR W. G. GORDON-CUMMING,

of Altyre, Forres, Elgin, wins, as it were, two Derbys in one day, while claiming the further credit that the champion animal—namely, the black-polled heifer—was bred by himself.

THE ROYAL VISITORS.

Shortly before two o'clock on Monday the Duke of Edinburgh arrived at the Barford-street entrance, and was received by Mr. Foljambe, M.P., Sir Brandreth Gibbs, and other officials of the Smithfield Club. His Royal Highness did not remain long in the show, and seemed to be little recognised as he walked through the avenues, paying special attention to the cross-breeds which happened to be parading as he entered the hall.

Some time after the Duke had driven away, the Prince and Princess of Wales and suite arrived, and were received with general cheering. Their Royal Highnesses made a careful inspection of the show, paying special attention to the Champion beast, as illustrated by our Artist, and not even ignoring the dark corner in which the pigs are located in an atmosphere heavy with the odour of disinfectants.

The Prince of Wales, after he had looked at all the prize animals, walked down the arcade to see the working of Lord de Blaquiere's patent detachable runners, by which a carriage can be rapidly converted

into a sledge. His Lordship himself explained the invention. The news of the Royal visit had become noised abroad outside, and a crowd lined each side of Barford-street and the entrance to Liverpool-road. The visitors kept on arriving at the hall till seven o'clock, when the first and a most successful day was brought to a close. The Brush Electric light answered very well, and was a great improvement upon the unaided gas.

THE QUEEN'S AND THE PRINCE'S EXHIBITS.

The Queen has had altogether twelve exhibits at the Agricultural Hall. Six were in the cattle classes, and her Majesty with them received three third prizes, and was once commended. There were four entries of sheep, with a first prize for a fat black-faced wether from the Prince Consort's Shaw Farm, a first prize for a fat Cheviot wether, and a commendation.

The Queen had, finally, two entries in class 69 (pigs of any small white breed between nine and twelve months old). In one she was commended.

The Prince of Wales had six entries of cattle, took a first and third prize, and was twice commended; and he had four entries of sheep, for which he took fourth and second prizes in the Southdown classes.

THE DEVONS, &c.

The handsome fashionable Devons were about the same as last year both in quantity and quality. Mr. Walter, M.P., showed the best animal in the division, taking first prize and silver cup, and he took a third prize for steers, second for heifers, and third for young steers. The Prince of Wales was more successful with his Devons than with some other exhibits. He received first prize in class 3 (steers between three and four years old), and third prize in the preceding class, both animals being bred by Mr. Stranger, of Devonshire.

The Sussex cattle were a very fine muster, the entries being twenty-eight, or two more than last year. Mr. Kirkpatrick, of Hythe, took two first prizes; but the silver cup went to Mr. Agate, of Horsham. There were but seven entries of the Scotch Highland breed; and Sir John Swinburne, who took a first prize at Birmingham with an ox which could not be exhibited at the London show, was first with a three-year-old heifer, and third in the steers and oxen class.

Mr. L. Loyd, of Beckenham, Kent, true to his affection for the Herefords, was rewarded by winning a first and second prize in the Young Steer Class, and a first, plus the Breed Cup, in the Old Steer Class. Mr. John Price, of Pembridge, Herefordshire, had the honour of double mention, also as winner of the second and third prizes in the Young Steer Class.

The Norfolk and Suffolk Polled breed, more than usually short in numbers, were wonderfully good in quality, though they failed to repeat the triumph achieved last year. Mr. J. J. Colman, M.P.; Mr. Alfred Taylor, of Harlestone, Norfolk; Mr. John Wortley, of Skeyton; and Messrs. Harvey and Lofft, of Bury St. Edmunds, divided the honours between them.

Shorthorns this year showed more weak specimens than either of the other great divisions. In the Young Steer Class, Mr. Richard Stratton was first with a nice youngster just within the limit of age; whilst in the class above Mr. R. Wortley, of Aylsham, had a perfect model of a three-year-old steer, exhibiting all the best points of the breed in the highest perfection. His claim to the first prize was speedily admitted, and he was put down as a reserve member for the silver cup, awarded to the best animal of the breed. But for this honour he stood no chance as against Mr. W. S. Gibbs's splendid roan cow, Cothelstone Duchess, a very model of what a shorthorn should be.

The champion plate and gold medal in the sheep classes were secured by Lord Walsingham.

Mr. Howard Paul's Appeal for the Sandwich Men.—"On Christmas Day I intend giving a dinner of roast beef and plum-pudding to a hundred of the poor "sandwich men" who trudge the streets of London. On conferring with several gentlemen who have intimate dealings with the men, they advise me to make a public appeal, and perhaps funds may be forthcoming to extend the repast to the five hundred poor creatures who perambulate the streets in all weathers, with boards on their backs, for one and three-pence a day. I have informed myself of the condition of these men, and some of their histories are positively pathetic. They are hopelessly broken-down, miserably poor, fairly temperate, and all are most willing to work. Two shillings will give a man a Christmas dinner, and I'll be glad to take charge of any contribution, no matter how small, and devote it to the object in question. As I said above, I have settled to give a hundred a "good square meal, and a pipe of 'bacca to follow—and if funds are forthcoming for the whole five hundred, all the better.—I am, Sir, yours, &c.—Howard Paul, 19, Montague-place, Russell-square, W.C."

There is nothing so sustaining in cold weather as a cup of pure Cocoa, such as Cadbury's Cocoa Essence, which costs only one halfpenny per breakfast cup, being three times the strength of the best mixtures sold as Cocoa.—[Advt.]

Sports and Pastimes.

SANDOWN PARK RACES.

Capital patronage was accorded the meeting at Sandown Park on Tuesday, and the weather could not well have been of a more favourable character, doubtful as was the outlook when the Londoners left town. As usual on the pleasant Esher slopes, the attendance of ladies was good, and it required no great stretch of imagination to fancy a spring meeting at Sandown Park being in course of progress. Excellent sport was provided, and the affair first brought to a head was the Prince of Wales's Steeplechase, for which the favourite, Lobelia, came to grief early, and the race was taken by the North Country trained Montauban, who arrived at Sandown towards the end of last week. There was a big field for the Tally-ho Hunters' Race; and in the Selling Steeplechase the pair that carried the most money came to grief. Some well-known hands at the flat-racing business took part in the Hunters' Flat-race, in which Hesper followed up a Croydon success very cleverly. The meeting was continued on Wednesday.

THE GERMAN GYMNASIUM,

best of indoor exercise clubs for young London, was on Wednesday and Thursday the scene of the annual athletic competitions. The variety of the gymnastic displays and the great skill shown by the members of the German Gymnasium (most of them English, of course) render this event one of the most attractive of the twelvemonth.

HANLAN v. BOYD.

Boyd is preparing the way to retire from the projected trial of skill with Hanlan. The North of England sculler has decided that, if Hanlan will not row for less than £500 a side, he will *endeavour* to raise the money rather than allow the match to fall through; but declines to have the *Sportsman's* Challenge Cup introduced, and thinks Hanlan's request for £50 expenses unreasonable, seeing that he will have to pay his own travelling expenses on the Tyne.

FOOTBALL.

NORTH v. SOUTH OF ENGLAND.

This important contest, under the auspices of the Rugby Football Union, was last Saturday decided at Huddersfield in the presence of about 9000 spectators. The result was a victory for the North by one goal, one try, and three touches to one touch. The play was very even until near the finish, when tries were secured for the North by Bartram and Hunt. Beswick and Payne played splendidly throughout for the North, as also did Twynam, Gurdon, and Spurling for the South.

North: A. N. Hornby (captain), C. E. Bartram, E. Beswick, C. M. Sawyer, H. C. Rowley, J. H. Payne, G. Thompson, G. H. Coates, J. T. Hunt, J. Ravenscroft, T. Stericker, J. W. Marshall, J. A. Brodie, B. Middleton, E. Wood. South: A. S. Taylor, C. M. Wilkins, A. M. Evanson, R. T. Twynam, H. H. Taylor, E. T. Gurdon (captain), C. Gurdon, H. G. Fuller, P. A. Newton, W. Hewitt, W. M. Tatham, H. Vassall, J. I. Ward, A. Spurling, G. B. Mills.

Over 3000 spectators assembled at Darwin to witness Lancashire v. Birmingham and District last Saturday. Prior to half-time the visitors scored three goals. After change of ends, however, the Lancashire team showed to greater advantage, and ultimately won by four goals (Rostron, Avery, and Brown one each) to three (Brown two and Evans one).

Northumberland and Cumberland played their annual match, under Rugby rules, at Newcastle the same day, before a large number of spectators. Previous to half-time the home team scored one goal and two tries. After changing ends they continued to have the best of it, and won by five goals (Rutherford) and a try to nil. Tries were obtained by Lymington and Robb (three each), Prest, Maitland, M'Connell, and Cadle (one each).

The English Challenge Cup.—The second round of this interesting competition was brought to a conclusion on Saturday by the decision of the following ties:—The Swifts beat the Old Harrovians by seven goals to one; the Old Foresters beat the Pilgrims by three goals to one; Reading Minster beat Romford by six goals to one; Turton beat Booth by four goals to none; and Old Carthusians beat Barnes.

United Hospitals v. Liverpool came off at Putney the same afternoon, and resulted in the defeat of the Lancashire team by one goal, dropped by Penny (King's) and one try obtained by Howe (St. Bartholomew's) to one goal by Kemble.

The annual match between Glasgow and Edinburgh was played at Partick, near Glasgow, on Saturday, in the presence of 2000 spectators, the result being a victory for Glasgow by a goal and a try to a try. The game was stiffly contested, and the result will be hailed with satisfaction by football-players, as it is the first occasion Glasgow has been able to score a win since the inauguration of the yearly fixture.

DR. CARVER TIED BY AN ENGLISHMAN.

A match between Dr. Carver, who has been almost invincible since he came to this country, and Mr. Stuart Wortley, one of the very best and most reliable pigeon shots in England, took place at the Union Gun Club Grounds, Hendon, last Monday afternoon, the conditions being that each man should shoot at one hundred birds at 30 yards rise, for £500 a side. Mr. Aubrey Coventry consented to act as umpire for Mr. Stuart Wortley, while Mr. Holt filled the same post for Dr. Carver, and Mr. "Ned" Smith—so well-known in connection with sport of all kinds—was chosen referee. At the eighty-third bird the Englishman was two in front, and became favourite for the first time, £3 to £20 and similar bets in smaller sums being laid upon him. He, however, missed three in the next thirteen, whilst the Doctor killed all his, and thus led by one, and appeared pretty certain to win. The ninety-ninth, however, proved just too good for him, and as both killed their last, this grand match ended in a tie, both scoring eighty-three. Everything passed off in the pleasantest possible manner, and the pair are pretty sure to meet again before long.

A WRESTLING-MATCH,

French style, took place at the Lillie-bridge Grounds Gymnasium last Monday evening, between J. Acton, of Wigan, and T. Cannon, of London, for £200. In the second bout Acton threw Cannon heavily on his head, stunning him for some time, and brought the match to an abrupt conclusion.

HER MAJESTY'S STAGHOUNDS

met last Tuesday at Gerrard's-cross for a run in the Buckinghamshire country.

SCULLERS' RACE FOR £50.

On Monday afternoon Richard Harding, of Blackwall, winner of Doggett's coat and badge in 1870, and Charles Brightwell, a tradesman belonging to the Plough Rowing Club, pulled for the above stake from Putney to Mortlake. Harding was favourite at 6 to 4. Brightwell was badly steered, and met with more than one accident. He had no chance with the Blackwall man, and was beaten easily by four lengths. Time, 28 min. 10 sec.

Harry Clasper, of Wandsworth, says he is ready to row Harding, the victor in Monday's contest, from Putney to Mortlake, for £50 a side, in from one month to six weeks' time.

THE REV. G. H. MACDONNELL'S FEAT AT CHESS.

The third of the series of exhibitions of skill in chess-playing which are at present being given at the City of London Chess Club came off last Monday evening at Mouillet's Hotel, Newgate-street, when the Rev. G. H. Macdonnell, the erudite and genial conductor of the chess column in the *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News*, played simultaneously twenty games with as many opponents. Play began at a quarter past six, and it was a quarter past nine before one game was drawn. The play went on till close upon twelve o'clock, with the result that Mr. T. D. Auverde, Mr. E. Redpath, and Mr. S. A. Vertrugen checkmated Mr. Macdonnell. One game was drawn, and Mr. Macdonnell won the remaining sixteen games. Well done, Macdonnell!

A SKATING HANDICAP,

distance one mile, was run off on Saturday last at the Leicester Floral Hall, in the presence of about a couple of thousand spectators. Results:—Final heat: T. Webster, 60 yards start, 1; J. Stapleford, 45, 2. Won, after a struggle, by a yard; time, 4 min. 13⅘ sec.

BICYCLISTS IN AMERICA.

Mr. C. D. Vesey and Mr. P. G. Lane, with John Keen and R. Patrick, arrived at New York, on Nov. 23, after a rough passage.

"THE SPORTING MIRROR"

for December maintains its character for brightness and vigour under the editorship of "Dioned," Mr. H. B. Bromhead. The portraits this month are those of Dr. Carver; poor Macdonald, the jockey; Ned Donnelly, the boxer; and Mr. W. H. Leverell, the experienced and able aquatic Editor of *Bell's Life*.

HOCKEY.

MITCHAM v. SUTTON.

This match was played on Saturday last, on Mitcham Green, and, after an exciting game of 80 minutes, ended in a draw, both sides having scored three goals.

BILLIARDS.

Mr. John Roberts, jun., states that he will play any man in the world a game at billiards, on an ordinary table, of 3000 up, for from £500 to £1000 a side, under the usual conditions. The match can take place in either three or six months, at the option of the acceptor of the challenge.

T. Taylor and W. Mitchell last Monday evening met at Mr. E. Purchase's, the Mason's Arms, York-road, Battersea, to contest a game of 1000 up, Mitchell conceding his opponent 100 points start. Taylor ran out with an unfinished break of 12 a winner by 320 points after about two hours and a half play.

John Roberts, jun., W. Cook, F. Shorter, and S. W. Stanley having returned to England after a long absence abroad, it has been decided to bring these excellent players, together with W. Mitchell (the celebrated "spot stroke") and others, in a monstre tournament on the American principle. The heats will be 1000 up, on an ordinary table.

The Palais Royal, over Hengler's Circus, has been engaged for the contest, and the following is the handicap, as prepared by the editor of the *Sportsman*:—John Roberts, jun., and W. Cook, owe 120; W. Mitchell, owes, 10; T. Taylor, S. W. Stanley, and F. Shorter, receive 40; W. J. Peall, receives 75; J. Lloyd, receives 140. The ball will be opened on Monday next.

HUNTING ROUND THE ALEXANDRA PALACE.

On Monday at the Edmonton Petty Sessions, Mr. Morton Smith made an application on behalf of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals with reference to an occurrence at the Alexandra Palace on Nov. 15—the chase of a tame stag in a confined space where neither vigilance nor skill on the part of the animal in any way told to its advantage. The dogs soon reached it, seized it by the haunches, pulled it down, and proceeded to do it very serious injury. Fortunately the huntsmen rode up, and the dogs were whipped off. Then it was seen that the animal was suffering considerable pain, and amongst other injuries to wound as deep as a man's finger was discovered. Remonstrances were made to Messrs. Jones and Barber, the Lessees of the Palace, who at once admitted that what had taken place was an act of cruelty, and said they had arranged to give up all idea of any hunting rather than drag hunting.—Mr. Abbiss: What is meant by "drag" hunting?—Mr. Smith: Laying a scent for the purpose of dogs to follow, no animal being actually hunted. The Bench were glad after Mr. Jones's assurance that the thing should not be repeated, a summons was unnecessary.—Mr. Smith said he cheerfully bowed to the decision of their Worships.

The *Sporting Life* and *Sportsman* are launching out to foster sport from which they thrive. On Saturday afternoon last, the final heats of the 155 Yards Handicap, promoted by the *Sporting Life*, were decided at the Prince of Wales's Grounds, Bow, in fine weather, and in presence of a large number of spectators. They resulted in a victory for A. Harvey, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, who with 11½ yards start, won by about a yard from A. Wilson, of Bow, 19½ yards start; T. Morris, of Cheshunt, 18½, being third. A. Harris, of Bow, 20½ yards start, and J. Green, London, 17½, also competed. The prizes were, respectively, £25, £7, and £3; and the betting was 6 to 4 against the winner.—A handicap of a similar distance for prizes given by Mr. Castle, was won by A. Dunning, 25½ yards start; R. Brewers, 17½, and G. Bailey, 22½, being second and third, respectively.

The same afternoon the opening heats of a 120 Yards (£50) Handicap, promoted by the proprietors of the *Sportsman*, were decided at Lillie-bridge. The finals will be decided this (Saturday) afternoon.

Have it in Your Houses.—Lamplough's Pyretic Saline.—The cure in Smallpox, Fevers, Skin Diseases, or Bilious Sickness. Sold by Chemists, and the only Maker, H. Lamplough, 113, Holborn-hill, London, E.C.—[Advt.]

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THE CALF ROCK LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS.

We trust our readers will ere this have read of the rescue of the brave men who have so gallantly withstood the siege of the sea on the Calf Rock, and have hopefully borne up against the fury of the Atlantic billows that demolished the greater portion of the Lighthouse which stood as a welcome beacon to mariners off the west coast of Ireland. But on Monday evening last H.M.S. Seahorse again returned to Bantry Bay, being unable to render assistance to the men on the Calf Rock. A letter was, however, received from them by means of a buoy and line stating that the exposure was being felt very much, as their fires were extinguished several times during the day by the sea washing over the dwellings. Fresh meat was passed to them by the same means. The bedding it was found impossible to pass to them. The lighthouse on the Skelling Rocks has not been repaired, though it has also suffered severely.

FORTUNE'S LETTER.

Fortune, principal keeper of the lighthouse, by means of a water-tight indiarubber bag, sent the following communication to Captain Boxer, Inspector of Irish Lights:—

"I am just going to give you a short sketch of the storm on Saturday night, and tell you how miraculously we escaped; but I trust I may be able to give you a verbal account of it to-morrow. At half-past three o'clock on Saturday morning Lowry, one of the labourers, and I went to bed, the rest of the men being in hours previously. I was only lying down for a quarter of an hour, when the sea struck the tower heavily three or four times, there being flashes of lightning at the same time. At four o'clock the whole of the lantern was blown clean off. I jumped out of bed on the instant, and ran and closed the lantern and balcony doors. Then I roused all hands, and we stowed away on our bodies as many biscuits as we could. After I saw Kelly and Lowry safe in the west house, Jack Harrington, Byrne, and I secured everything in the tower, closing all doors and boring holes in the woodwork to allow water or foul air to pass freely though. We were engaged at this work till eight o'clock on Sunday morning, when another severe storm came, and at half-past eight the landings of the tower were blown completely off. The rush of water was near shutting the three of us outside the door of the tower. We then made for the west house as best we could, I being the last to desert the old ship. After being an hour in the west house, we determined to make for the kitchen, as being the strongest, in our opinion, of any of the houses. We succeeded in getting there, the sea and wind being all this time most terrific. We have stuck to that shanty ever since, and, thank God, it did not deceive us. We were without fire until ten o'clock last night; of course, being in our wet clothes all through. I need not mention that everything in the way of bedding and personal clothing went with the tower. However, we do not complain as being without sleep, as we can do very well without it until we get home. Now we are, thank God, in first-rate order, after a supply to-day."

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VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey, or white, or falling off, use "The Mexican Hair Renewer," for it will positively restore in every case grey or white hair to its original colour, without leaving the disagreeable smell of most "restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting its growth on bald spots where the glands are not decayed. "The Mexican Hair Renewer" is sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere at 3s. 6d. per Bottle.—[ADVT.]

FLORILINE.—For the Teeth and Breath. The best liquid dentifrice in the world. It thoroughly cleanses partially-decayed teeth from all parasites or living "animalcules," leaving them pearly white, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. Price 2s. 6d. per Bottle. The Fragrant Florline removes instantly all odours arising from a foul stomach or tobacco smoke, being purely composed of honey, soda, and extracts of sweet herbs and plants. It is delicious to the taste, and harmless as sherry. Sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere.—[ADVT.]

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING Syrup should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once; it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is perfectly harmless, and very pleasant to taste. It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Sold by all Chemists, at 1s. 1½d. per Bottle.—[ADVT.]

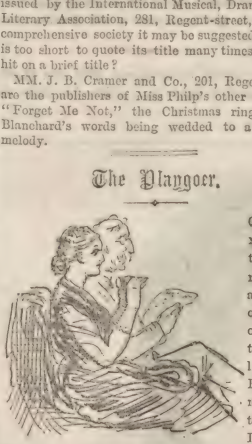
TENDER AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be agreeably surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Troches." These famous "lozenges" are now sold by most respectable chemists in this country at 1s. 1½d. per box. People troubled with a "hacking cough," a "slight cold," or bronchial affections, cannot try them too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious Pulmonary and Asthmatic Affections. See that the words "Brown's Bronchial Troches" are on the Government Stamp around each box.—Prepared by JOHN I. BROWN and SONS, Boston, U.S. European Depôt removed to 33, Farringdon-road, London. [ADVT.]

Good Christmas Songs.

"SOMEBODY BY"—a seasonable Song about a certain sprig of mistletoe—is worthy the composer of some of the best English ballads. Miss Elizabeth Philp has hit upon a suitable air for the sentimental words of Mr. E. L. Blanchard. "Somebody By" is issued by the International Musical, Dramatic, and Literary Association, 281, Regent-street, to which comprehensive society it may be suggested that life is too short to quote its title many times: can't it hit on a brief title?

MM. J. B. Cramer and Co., 201, Regent-street, are the publishers of Miss Philp's other new song, "Forget Me Not," the Christmas ring of Mr. Blanchard's words being wedded to a swinging melody.

The Playgoer.



CHRISTMAS Pantomime rehearsals are going on vigorously at the two leading Pantomime theatres in London—Drury Lane and Covent Garden—and at all the other houses wherein Clown rules the roost at Christmas-tide. Little fortunes are lost and made by these grand productions. I could name some London lessees who have burnt their fingers with them; while one able young Manager has feathered his nest well with the proceeds of the last; and a well-known provincial Manager pocketed £10,000 by his yuletide success. Natural is it, under these circumstances, that the greatest pains should be taken in the preparation of these spectacles. Whatever his detractors may say, Mr. Augustus Harris undeniably possesses the happy knack of producing the exact mixture the public now call for in a pantomime: beautiful scenery, lively ballets, grand Transformation, and clever fooling in the Harlequinade, all rendered cohesive and light and palatable by a due leavening of comicality and topical singing by some of the first artists in their particular line. It must be like drilling an Army to make ready for the campaign of King Pantomime; and Field-Marshal Harris, sprung from a good stock, having won his spurs at the game, should present us with another masterpiece in "Robinson Crusoe," from the pen of Mr. E. L. Blanchard. No less credit for his pluck in undertaking the Covent Garden pantomime almost at the eleventh hour, is due to Mr. William Younge, to whose energetic hands Mr. Gwyllym Crowe has intrusted the production of "Little Bo-Peep, Little Boy Blue, and the Little Old Woman That Lived in a Shoe." I see Mr. Younge has acted on the hint I dropped, and engaged the Girards—proof first of his gumption. Give him fair play and full powers, Mr. Crowe, and—"Gwyllym's sure to be right!"

Cattle Show week has seen the popular London playhouses crammed. Mr. Augustus Harris kept Drury Lane open six days longer on purpose to catch the country cousins in quest of "Youth." Dazzling as of old, "The Lights o' London" drew fuller houses than ever to the Princess's, where Mr. G. R. Sims does not relax his sympathetic grip of the audience, and where the intensely earnest acting of the persecuted hero and heroine, Harold Armytage and Bess, by Mr. Wilson Barrett and Miss Eastlake, still commands the heartiest applause. The same author's "Half-Way House" has moved larger and larger Vaudeville audiences to laughter, every seat

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being occupied the other night. Bravo, Thorne! "The Colonel," "The Mascotte," and "Dick Whittington" have also drawn plenty of money; whilst the sterling merit of "It Is Never Too Late To Mend," at the Adelphi, has commanded popular tributes to the genius of Mr. Charles Reade. As for the vigorous and varied performances at Hengler's Cirque, both afternoon and evening they have been keenly watched and cheerily applauded by hosts of spectators, the juveniles being among the most earnest in their appreciation of the clever clowning of Johnny Purvis, Les Frères Jacquemin, and Little Le Barr; and in their enjoyment of the masterly manipulation of ten Trachene Horses by Herr Wulff, of the marvellous docility of Mr. F. C. Hengler's lively pony Robin, of the fearless equitation of plucky Master Wilkes Lloyd, and of the exceedingly neat and graceful evolutions of wee Miss Amelia and Master James Lee on the invisible wires, which I was glad to see were a safe distance above the ground.

The renovated Alhambra—in itself one of the most beautiful sights in London—has since the

MADAME SARAH BERNHARDT.—[See "The Playgoer."]

reopening night on Saturday last drawn overflowing audiences. Radiantly illuminated by the soft light shed by four of Siemen's arc electric lights inclosed in a stained-glass lantern pendant from the lofty dome, the bright blue colouring of the Saracenic building was seen to advantage. Not only plenteous light, free from the dazzling glare of the ordinary electric light, but an enjoyable atmosphere, enabled the auditors to appreciate with the greater zest the rare verve of M. Jacobi's superb band, and the magnificent scenery and brilliant ballets which will make the fortune of the present revival of the fairy opera, "Black Crook." The performance is a sumptuous repast for the senses. "Black Crook" is rewritten for the Alhambra by Mr. Harry Paulton, a dry humourist whose penetrating voice and stolid delivery of his quaint lines have always made him deservedly a favourite here. He is again the Dandelion, and has an admirable foil in the Buttercup of the lanky Jarvis. Why, by-the-way, isn't Mrs. Jarvis (the renowned danseuse Sara) present, to astonish with her acrobatic antics?

The choregraphic attractions of "Black Crook" are great, however, without Sara. In the kaleidoscopic variety of the bold Amazonian Ballet, of which Miss Lizzie Percival is the star—in the chaste beauty of the Ballet of Ferns, with the remarkable feats of Mdlle. Palladino, and her accompanying fays, Mdlles. Richards, Patti, and Marie—and, crowning all, in the resplendent Coral Isle Ballet, wherein Mdlle. Pertoldi shines as the Cleopatra of the dance—admirers of the Alhambra speciality will find an abundant feast for the eye. The music of Mr. Frederic Clay and M. Jacobi is just suited to the fairy theme of "Black Crook;" and when there is room for a little freshening in the way of adding topical songs set to the airs of the favourite music-hall ditties of the hour, M. Jacobi, the readiest musician in England, will be, no doubt, quite ready for the occasion. "Black Crook" has the advantage of being cast well, the ripe experience of Miss Constance Loseby giving importance to the rôle of the dark magician; the sweet voice and ingenuous manner of pretty Miss Emily Petrelli fitting her well for the part of the Princess; the sonorous delivery of massive Miss Julia Seaman endowing the dusky Princess Aika with due power; the dulcet notes of Mr. Henry Walsham as the tenor hero being relished none the less for the manliness of his bearing; and the imposing charms of Miss Rose Berend as Queen Orange-hue, and the galvanic vivacity of Miss Lizzie Coote in Kate Santley's character of Gabrielle, with the seductive song of "Nobody Knows as I Know"—crowning the edifice of "Black Crook," the skilful stage management of which by Mr. Frank Hall contributes in no small measure to the success of the revival.

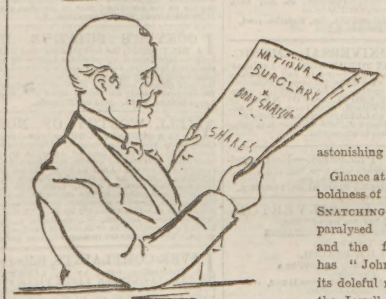
"Under the Mistletoe," produced at the Imperial on Monday, will soon be under the table. Great expectations have been formed of the acrobatic novelty due from the smart pen of Mr. Joseph Mackay at this Westminster theatre next Christmas.

The great French actress, Sarah Bernhardt, whose most natural style of acting took London by storm two seasons ago, belongs to that gifted race, which, albeit the world is immeasurably indebted to it for no small portion of its intellectual enjoyments, is yet subjected to cruel persecution in Europe. Madame Bernhardt comes from the richly endowed Hebrew stock, which Russia and Prussia, in their madness, are striving with might and main to drive from their more or less despotic Empires. The outrage of which Madame Bernhardt was the victim occurred in Southern Russia. With an indignation common, I trust, to most Englishmen, I read the subjoined telegram from Paris in last Saturday's *Daily Telegraph*:—

Particulars have been received here of the brutal demonstration made against Mdlle. Sarah Bernhardt at Odessa on Nov. 25. It appears that during the day the gifted actress had received several warnings that something of an unusual character was about to occur. In consequence, she deposited her diamonds in a place of safety, but took no other precaution. The performance that evening was as successful as ever; and when it was over, a friend offered to accompany Mdlle Bernhardt to her hotel, and the carriage had proceeded some 200 yards without any interference. Suddenly, however, it was stopped by a furious mob, which cried, "Down with the Jewess! Out with your money!" Stones were hurled at the vehicle; but the coachman, stimulated by the promise of a handsome tip, broke away and reached the hotel in safety. Here another crowd was gathered, and the attack recommenced with unabated vigour.

Mdlle. Sarah Bernhardt, with admirable presence of mind, opened the case containing the jewellery she had just worn, and flung the glittering toys among the people. A scramble immediately ensued, and the actress and her companion, taking advantage of the lull, rushed into the hotel, the doors of which were at once closed. It was not a moment too soon, as, while Mdlle. Bernhardt lay fainting in the hall, the mob endeavoured to effect an entrance, shouting, "Out with the Jewess! She has given us false diamonds. Out with her, or we shall smash everything!" The actress, who had quickly recovered from her swoon, laughed gaily, exclaiming, "Do these gentry think that I am going to cast pearls before swine?" Quiet was not restored till past midnight, and a number of arrests were made. The troops occupied the houses of the wealthier Hebrews, to defend them from aggression, and patrols promenaded the streets inhabited by the Jews all through the night. Nevertheless, many excesses were committed, and several shops were wrecked, including that of Solomon Bernhard, who was believed by the crowd to be a relative of the actress. Through the night Mdlle. Sarah Bernhardt never closed her eyes, and in the morning she was found in such a state of nervous excitement that she could not utter a word.

It is due to the richly endowed race of which Mdme. Sarah Bernhardt is a brilliant ornament to say that abhorrence and contempt have been excited in this country by this cowardly attack—but one of many similar outrages of which the Jews in Russia and Prussia have to complain. By their genius, their brilliant qualities, and their wondrous talents the Jews have made the Universe their debtors. Though persecuted abroad, they are ever welcome in England—not slow to show her gratitude to the People she delights to honour. I am glad, in conclusion, to note one thing. That is that Madame Bernhardt's ill-treatment at the hands of her savage assailants in the South of Russia does not appear to have had any prejudical effect on the pecuniary success of her tour. Mr. Irving (justly proud of his great receipts in Glasgow and in Edinburgh) should be particularly interested in the fact that the receipts of four performances at Odessa and two at Kieff last week amounted to £3500.



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